

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/064,681	ADDIS, MARK E.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	William L. Miller	3677	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment received 08-11-2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 7, 8, 26 and 31-43.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 10262005.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                                  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>10262005</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment  |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                         |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Barry Kelmachter on 10-27-2005 and 12-19-2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

*In the specification:*

Page 6, line 16, after "cover" insert --159--.

*In the claims:*

Claim 1, line 13, before "said" insert --each--;

Claim 1, line 14, change "fluid line" to --common header--;

Claim 2, lines 3-6, delete "and has an...said outlet";

Claim 3, line 8, change "ends" to --end--;

Claim 3, line 16, delete "one";

Claim 3, line 17, delete "of" and change "passageways" to --one passageway--;

Claim 31, line 4, after "plates" insert --with one of said side plates--, after "having" insert --a--, and change "covers" to --cover--;

Claim 31, line 15, delete "one of" and change "covers" to --cover--;

Claim 41, line 19, delete "one";

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Claim 41, line 20, change delete “of” and change “passageways” to --one passageway--;  
and

Cancel claims 44-46.

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: Regarding Fig. 3, “157” will be changed to --159--, and the first side plate (which includes windage cover 159) will be labeled as --157-- in a location similar to “57” in Fig. 2. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

3. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claim 1, Aksit et al. (US#6533284) in view of Atkinson et al. (US#5106104) discloses all of the limitations except for each second end (of the passageways) communicating with a common header. Likewise, regarding claim 32, Aksit in view of Atkinson discloses all of the limitations except for the passageways receiving fluid from a header. Moreover, Aksit when modified by Atkinson discloses each passageway communicating with a respective source 48 as opposed to a header (single unit) supplying fluid to all of the passageways.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

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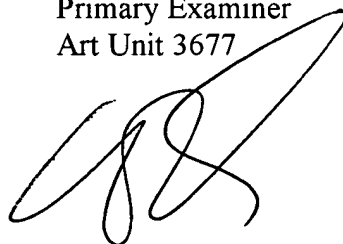
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William L. Miller whose telephone number is (571) 272-7068.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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William L. Miller  
Primary Examiner  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'WLM', written over the printed name of the examiner.

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